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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EAIR EC

SUBJECT: CIVAIR BRANIFF SCHEDULE

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1. I AM GRATIFIED THAT BRANIFF IS CONFORMING ITS SCHEDULE TO THE DECEMBER 30 DAC ORDER: THIS ACCORDS BOTH WITH WHAT WE SUGGESTED LOCALLY TO BRANIFF AND ASKED THE DEPARTMENT TO CONVEY AS OUR RECOMMENDATION. IF THESE NEW FREQUENCIES ARE SOMEWHAT LESS THAN BRANIFF'S OPTIMUM DESIRES, IT COULD PERHAPS CONSOLE ITSELF WITH THE THOUGHTS THAT:

A. THEY REPRESENT AN INCREASE IN ITS FREQUENCIES IN ECUADOR BY 29 PER CENT OVER WHAT IT HAD PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1974:

B. THEY WILL NO DOUBT ENSURE THAT THE ECUADOR RUN CONTINUES TO BE AMONG BRANIFF'S MOST PROFITABLE OPERATIONS; C. OTHER CARRIERS, SPECIFICALLY AIR PANAMA, KLM AND, BEGINNING THIS MONTH, LUFTHANSA, EITHER HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED OR ABOUT TO BE RESTRICTED; AND D. WHAT HAS THUS EVENTUATED HERE IN ECUADOR WOULD SEEM TO BE AMONG THE BETTER OF THE MORE RECENT ARRANGEMENTS WE ARE AWARE OF ON THE CONTINENT.

2. I STRONGLY CONCUR THAT IT IS BEST NOT TO REOPEN TALKS IN THE NEAR FUTURE ON THE ISSUES LEFT PENDING IN THE NOVEMBER CONFIDENTIAL

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1974 CONSULTATIONS. DAC WOULD CERTAINLY WISH TO DO SO, BUT

GIVEN THE NUMBER OF OTHER CURRENT AND THORNY BILATERAL ISSUES IN USG/GOE RELATIONS WE WILL WANT TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY AND WELL IN ADVANCE PLANS AND TIMING FOR SUCH EVENTUAL CONSULTATIONS. IF USDEL WISHES TO COME TO QUITO FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY, HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE IT AND WOULD PROFIT FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH ITS MEMBERS.

3. WE ARE REQUESTING APPOINTMENT MFA TO EXPRESS CONCERNS OUTLINED REFTEL. BREWSTER $\,$

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